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1. IN ORAL STATEMENT TO CSU "LANDTAGSFRAKTON" JANUARY 25, BAVARIAN MINISTER-PRESIDENT ALFONS GOPPEL INDICATED THAT IT WAS HIS FIRM INTENTION TO SERVE OUT HIS TERM, WHICH EXPIRES IN FALL OF 1978. THIS MEANS THAT HE IS UNWILLING, AS OF NOW, TO GIVE WAY TO STRAUSS UNTIL AFTER THE BAVARIAN LANDTAG ELECTION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN LATE 1978.

2. SOURCES IN CSU "LANDTAGFRAKTION" REPORT THAT A "GREAT MAJORITY" OF CSU DEPUTIES APPLAUDED GOPPEL'S STATEMENT.

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3. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GOPPEL'S STATEMENT, CSU SECRETARY GENERAL TANDLER NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE THREE ELCTIONS IN 1978, BAVARIAN COMMUNAL ELECTIONS (IN EARLY 1978), LANDTAG ELECTIONS, AND ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. TANDLER SAID IT WAS "URGENTLY NECESSARY" THAT A NEW MINISTER-PRESIDENT BE IN OFFICE FOR THESE ELECTIONS.

4. CSU LANDTAG SOURCES STATE THAT TANDLER RECEIVED ALMOST NO RPT NO APPLAUSE.

5. COMMENT: STRAUSS HAS HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM IF HE
HOPES TO SUCCEED GOPPEL IN 1977. HE MUST EITHER PERSUADE GOPPEL
TO CHANGE HIS MIND OR FORCE HIM TO RESIGN BY ENGINEERING
BELIEVABLE THREAT OF NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE BY CSU "LANDTAGSFRAKTION."
LATTER WOULD BE, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE.
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